

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE

Town of Westhampton



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Town Clerk

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BIRTHS

March 31	Lavalley, Elizabeth Joyce	✓
June 19	Smith	✓
July 26	Parent, Arthur Andrew	
August 1	Vachula, Robert Gary	
September 8	Stone, Donald Clayton	✓
October 9	Cross, Roy Anthony	
November 28	Hunt, Donna Lea	✓
December 15	Martin	✓
December 24	Fisher, Esther Marie	✓

DEATHS

1 April 29	Susan Ella Montague	82	3	10
	Cardiac failure			
2 May 20	Celinda M. Martin	76		
	Toxemia			
3 May 26	Ida B. Snow	77	9	9
	General carcinomatosis			
4 June 19	Smith	0	0	0
	Stillborn			
5 July 9	Albert D. Jewett	77	2	
	Angina			
6 August 7	Emma Louise Flint	62	0	23
	Coronary thrombosis			
7 August 11	Meredith Francis Knight	33	0	27
	Suicide			
8 September 30	Levi Burt	76	3	5
	Sepsis			

1941

MARRIAGES

1 January 1	Richard J. Williams	Westhampton
	Anna J. Ferron	Westhampton
2 June 14	Lawrence E. Ledoux	Westhampton
	Jacqueline M. Laprade	Easthampton
3 August 31	Leon L. Smith	Westhampton
	May V. Wheeler	Richmond
4 October 24	Dwight S. Church	Westhampton
	Josephine J. Wanczyk	Hadley
5 November 29	James O. Hickey	Westhampton
	Christine L. Gagnon	Westhampton

DOG ACCOUNT

Dr.

June 1, 1941

29 male dogs	at \$2.00	\$ 58.00
8 spayed females	at \$2.00	16.00
2 female dogs	at \$5.00	10.00
		— \$ 84.00

Cr.

To County Treasurer	\$ 76.20
To Town Clerk, 39 fees	at \$.20
	— \$ 84.00

Dr.

December 1, 1941

15 male dogs	at \$2.00	\$ 30.00
3 spayed females	at \$2.00	6.00
1 female dog	at \$5.00	5.00
		— \$ 41.00

Cr.

To County Treasurer	\$ 37.20
To Town Clerk, 19 fees	at \$.20
	— \$ 41.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Dr.

24 Resident citizen fishing licenses	at \$2.00	\$ 48.00
35 Resident citizen hunting licenses	at \$2.00	\$ 70.00
16 Resident citizen sporting licenses	at \$3.25	\$ 52.00
12 Resident minor and female fishing	at \$1.25	\$ 15.00
1 Resident citizen minor trapping	at \$2.25	\$ 2.25
3 Resident citizen trapping licenses	at \$5.25	\$ 15.75
1 duplicate	at \$.50	\$.50
7 Resident citizen sporting licenses	free	— \$ 203.50

Cr.

To Division of Fisheries and Game	\$ 180.75	
To Town Clerk, 91 fees	at \$.25	\$ 22.75
	—	\$ 203.50

CHARLES M. NORRIS,
Town Clerk.

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1941.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and
find them correct.

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
Town Treasurer

Dr.

Balance on hand January 1, 1941	\$14,759.60
Taxes: 1941	
Personal and real estate	7,163.27
Polls	196.00
Excise	771.51
1940	
Personal and real estate	5,035.15
1939	
Personal and real estate	2,780.68
Interest, 1941	3.44
1940	119.62
1939	171.94
Demands	5.60
Mass. Highway Commission	
Chapter 81, year of 1940	952.05
Chapter 90 maintenance	800.00
Chapter 81	6,174.27
Chapter 420, Egypt Hill bridge	2,795.97
Treasurer, Hampshire County	
Chapter 90 maintenance	800.00
Dog refund	89.83
District Court fines	10.00
Egypt Hill bridge	1,397.98
Interest from trust funds	
Cemetery	22.10
Thayer	20.10
Wright	20.10
Totman	50.00
Whiting Street	27.74

Firearms permits	3.00
License to peddle milk	1.00
Victualler's license	2.00
Town Clerk, dog licenses	113.40
Temporary Aid	10.00
Support of indigent persons	42.00
Old Age Assistance	
U. S. grant	2,077.05
State grant	1,544.03
Town of Saugus	28.09
Administration	69.73
Mass. income tax, 1941	1,538.88
Corporation tax, 1941	127.97
Mass. School fund, Part II, chap. 70	2,228.90
Vocational school fund	1,036.07
High school tuition	1,680.87
High School transportation	1,515.91
Superintendent in small towns	120.52
Tuition, transportation of state wards	165.40
City of Northampton, school	
department	277.50
Live stock disease control	7.50
George A. Pease, refund liability ins.	29.29
Highway Department, road machinery	
account	705.00
Sale of old furniture	1.50
Rent of Town Hall	5.00
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	\$60,507.15

Cr.

Paid Selectmen's orders	\$28,735.76
Paid School Committee orders	12,106.82
Balance on hand January 1, 1942	19,664.57
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	\$60,507.15

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1941 Personal and real estate	\$ 2,376.04
1940 Personal and real estate	115.80
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	\$ 2,491.84

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1941	\$ 966.13
Income	705.00
Expense	816.86
Balance January 1, 1942	854.27

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Interest drawn in 1941

Cemetery

\$2,000.00	Lucy Langdon Totman	\$50.00
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	10.05
100.00	M. G. Brown	2.01
100.00	George Burt	2.01
100.00	Sarah Cook	2.01
100.00	Samuel Edwards	2.01
100.00	Arthur Searle	2.01
50.00	D. L. Brown	1.00
50.00	C. N. Loud	1.00

Worthy Poor

\$1,380.85	Whiting Street	\$27.74
1,000.00	Wright	20.10
1,000.00	Thayer, 1/2 to town, 1/2 to parish	20.10

GILBERT I. FLINT,
Treasurer.

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1941.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of forty thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$40,842.58), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of nineteen thousand six hundred sixty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$19,664.57). Due from G. I. Flint, collector, 1941 personal and real estate taxes, two thousand three hundred seventy-six dollars and four cents (\$2,376.04) and 1940 real estate taxes, one hundred fifteen dollars and eighty cents (\$115.80).

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

W. M. Fiske, selectman	\$ 60.00
F. W. Blakesley, selectman	60.00
F. W. Blakesley, telephone and postage	5.95
F. W. Blakesley, registrar	12.00
C. R. Burt, selectman	66.00
C. R. Burt, assessor	44.00
C. R. Burt, moderator	5.00
R. H. Tracy, assessor	34.75
R. H. Tracy, dog officer	5.00
J. C. Hathaway, assessor	51.91
J. C. Hathaway, telephone, postage and mileage	.81
J. C. Hathaway, school committee	25.00
Louise Parsons, school committee	40.00
Evelyn Tracy, school committee	25.00
C. M. Norris, town clerk	50.00
G. I. Flint, treasurer	150.00
G. I. Flint, postage	8.68
G. I. Flint, attending state meetings	4.00
E. A. Montague, auditor	10.00
M. M. Clapp, cattle inspector	15.00
M. M. Clapp, meat inspector	39.50
Gertrude E. Flint, typing reports	4.00
Edith T. Blakesley, copying town orders	10.00
Silas Snow, selectmen's dues	6.00
C. H. Hodecker, dues Public Welfare Assoc.	2.00
Mass. Soldiers' Relief Assoc. dues	2.00
H. G. Cronk, assessor's dues	3.00
	————— \$ 739.60

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

George R. Barnstead, assessors'	
supplies	\$ 1.00
Harlow and Fennessey, selectmen 's	
supplies	1.75
W. E. Lonergan, town reports	66.15
Hobbs and Warren, Inc.,	
assessors' supplies	4.52
collector's supplies	18.64
Bureau of O. A. A.	2.16
tax bills	12.71
Robinson Seal Co., inc.,	
selectmen's supplies	1.35
Harlow and Fennessey,	
collector's supplies	2.45
stationery	4.10
W. E. Lonergan, stationery	5.00
Robinson Seal Co. Inc., town	
clerk's supplies	1.08
Davol Printing House, assessors'	
supplies	12.35
Leo Murphy, stamped envelopes	15.98
Gertrude E. Flint, stamps and envelopes	5.00
W. M. Fiske, postage	3.00
C. M. Norris, postage	1.05
	———— \$ 158.29

HIGHWAYS

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE — PAYROLL

F. W. Blakesley	\$168.60
Howard W. Blakesley	129.35
Arthur Church	122.85
James Hickey	107.10
John Tylczak	117.45
Charles M. Norris	317.55
Clarence Delisle	184.50
Philip Norris	10.35
A. E. Delisle	66.00

George Payson	72.45
V. E. Mitchell & Son	7.00
Allan Strong	86.40
Fayette Mascho	102.60
Charles Blakesley, Jr.	45.45
Machinery Account	40.00
	————— \$ 1,577.65

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE — MATERIAL

C. M. Norris, gravel	\$ 29.00
Aaron Fisher	23.80
American Tar Company,	
315 gal. of rotar	305.84
4788 gal. of tarine	464.43
	————— \$ 823.07

CHAPTER 81 — PAYROLL

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 775.80
Arthur Church	484.85
Allan Strong	309.90
Machinery Account	665.00
H. M. Bridgman	59.50
John Tykczak	294.00
E. A. Montague	98.00
Philip Norris	18.90
W. M. Fiske	358.50
James Hickey, Jr.	3.60
Arthur Dodge	7.20
E. G. Sturtevant	309.60
Adam Osetek	24.30
Howard Blakesley	591.45
H. J. Payson	114.75
C. M. Norris	569.55
James Hickey	432.00
Clarence Delisle	235.50
Fayette Mascho	71.55
A. E. Delisle, Jr.	303.00
V. E. Mitchell & Son	28.00

Charles Blakesley, Jr.	109.20
George Payson	337.50
Louis Tylczak	12.00
Murray Clapp	3.15
Curtis Searle	14.40
	———— \$ 6,231.20

CHAPTER 81 — MATERIAL

Mrs. Ada Williams, gravel	\$ 12.20
Sidney Neal, gravel	1.60
C. M. Norris, gravel	11.60
Foster & Farrar, dynamite and exploders	25.50
J. C. Hathaway	27.60
American Tar Co., 12,497 gal. rotar	1,202.61
F. W. Blakesley, gravel	7.20
Federal Land Bank, gravel	205.80
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	130.56
E. S. Sirine, 502 gal A. E. 1	49.20
E. A. Montague, gravel	9.80
Mrs. Bessie Benson, gravel	67.40
Mrs. Clara Blakesley, gravel	65.80
Joseph Sarafin, gravel	1.00
George Witherell, gravel	1.60
	———— \$ 1,819.47

ROAD MACHINERY

Fritz Backer, blacksmith	\$ 17.65
J. Russell & Co., tools	43.63
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., gas and oil	225.10
W. D. Sampson, grader blades	50.50
Arthur Stuart, blacksmith	4.25
Foster-Farrar, supplies	42.98
F. N. Graves & Son, repairs and supplies	107.75
Howard Blakesley	5.00
Walsh Holyoke Steam Boiler Works, Inc.	20.00
Walsh Holyoke Steam Boiler Works, Inc. snow plow	300.00
	———— \$ 816.86

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING AND ROAD WORK

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 67.90
James Hickey	26.10
George Payson	3.60
George Witherell	1.10
Howard Blakesley	97.25
Arthur Church	49.20
R. H. Tracy	3.00
A. E. Witherell	318.00
Joseph Sarafin	1.00
Joseph Sarafin, Jr.	2.48
Myron Clapp	14.25
John Tylczak	5.10
Allan Strong	12.60
W. M. Fiske	54.81
C. M. Norris	22.50
Lawrence Blakesley	1.50
A. E. Delisle	144.00
Franklin G. Neal	6.75
	———— \$ 831.14

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

F. W. Blakesley	\$ 52.80
Myron Clapp	64.95
John Tylczak	1.80
A. E. Delisle	26.00
Arthur Church	36.00
James Hickey	10.80
A. E. Witherell	49.00
Howard Blakesley	26.10
Allan Strong	7.20
J. C. Hathaway	20.00
Sam Failla	250.00
M. K. Parsons	4.80
Foster-Farrar	3.39
	———— \$ 552.84

EGYPT HILL BRIDGE

Sam Failla	\$ 5,646.54
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	54.00
	———— \$ 5,701.14

GYPSY MOTH

E. A. Montague	\$ 73.20
E. A. Montague, Jr.	25.20
John Schott	27.00
Allan Strong	50.40
Frank Montague	14.40
	———— \$ 190.20

SAND SPREADER

The Orcutt Works	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE

Case No. 30	\$ 141.59
Case No. 35	7.61
Case No. 38	5.00
Social Service Index	3.00
	———— \$ 157.20

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case No. 1	\$ 243.00
Case No. 3	300.00
Case No. 4	420.00
Case No. 13	333.30
Case No. 14	402.50
Case No. 16	324.50
Case No. 17	215.00
Case No. 18	264.00
Case No. 21	240.00
Case No. 23	311.00
Case No. 24	240.00
Case No. 25	336.00
Case No. 26	216.00
Case No. 27	98.50
Case No. 28	300.00
Case No. 29	208.00
Case No. 30	75.00
City of Northampton	111.57
Town of South Hadley	30.00
Town of Amherst	55.61
	———— \$ 4,723.98

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

W. M. Fiske	\$ 5.75
Gertrude E. Flint	60.75
Gertrude E. Flint, postage and supplies	3.23
	———— \$ 69.73

LIBRARY

H. R. Huntting Co., books	\$ 78.95
Leon Fleury, carpenter	14.95
Sander's Corporation, insurance	35.20
Edith Grant, magazines	28.75
Enoch Perkins, wood	9.00
	———— \$ 166.85

TRUST FUNDS

Street & Wright, Frances P. Loud	\$ 47.84
Thayer, Philip Clapp	10.05
Thayer, Tax collector	10.05
Cemetery, Mabel Perkins	72.10
	———— \$ 140.04

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Claire C. Manwell, M. D.	\$ 50.00
Mabel C. Bridgman, R. N.	10.00
	———— \$ 60.00

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

E. J. Manwell, M. D.	\$ 25.00
Mabel C. Bridgman, R. N.	25.00
	———— \$ 50.00

MEMORIAL DAY

W. M. Fiske	\$ 23.39
Quirk Paper Co.	1.90
	———— \$ 25.29

MOTION PICTURE MACHINE

Visual Education Filmosound Services, Inc., Screen and lamp	\$ 298.21
	———— \$ 298.21

FIRE EQUIPMENT

American-LaFrance Foamite Corp.,	
fire pumps	\$ 73.78
C. J. Dickinson,	
painting names on pumps	1.50
	—————
	\$ 75.28

DOG LICENSES

Hampshire County Treasurer	\$ 113.40	\$ 113.40
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TAXES

Hampshire County Treasurer,	
county tax	\$ 1,509.69
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
state tax	1,010.27
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	
state audit	221.90
	—————
	\$ 2,741.90

INTEREST, INSURANCE AND BONDS

George A. Pease, compensation	\$ 225.27
George A. Pease,	
ins. on weights and measures	15.97
Sanders Corp., bonds for	
treasurer, collector and clerk	31.00
Roscoe Noble, ins. on	
projector and screen	6.53
	—————
	\$ 278.77

CONTINGENT

R. A. Warner, transfer cards	\$ 4.20
City of Northampton, state commodity	
warehouse expenditures	7.56
Surplus commodities sponsors fund,	
administrative expense	19.28
Edward A. Montague, excise abatement	1.64
James R. Shea, 1 gal. acid	1.00
Westhampton Water Co., cemetery	5.00
J. Russell & Co., fire extinguisher charges	5.20
H. S. Gere & Sons, adv. for bids on bridge	1.65
Boston Herald Travelers Corp.	
adv. for bids on bridge	4.55
N. E. Road Builder's Association	
adv. for bids on bridge	4.80
	—————
	\$ 54.88

TOWN HALL

George H. Knight, janitor	\$ 12.05
Western Mass. Electric Co.	23.35
Jeffway Electric Co., supplies	18.97
J. C. Hathaway, wood	17.00
A. E. Witherell, kindlings	2.00
	————— \$ 73.37

RECAPITULATION

Town Officers	\$ 739.60
Printing and supplies	158.29
Chap. 90 maintenance — payroll	1,577.65
Chap. 90 maintenance — material	823.07
Chap. 81 — payroll	6,231.20
Chap. 81 — material	1,819.47
Road Machinery	816.86
Snow removal, sanding and road work	831.14
Bridges and railings	552.84
Egypt Hill Bridge	5,646.54
Gypsy moth	190.20
Sand Spreader	320.00
Public Welfare	157.20
Old Age Assistance	4,723.98
Old Age Administration	69.73
Library	166.85
Trust funds	140.04
Well child clinic	60.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Memorial Day	25.29
Motion picture machine	298.21
Fire equipment	75.28
Dog licenses	113.40
Taxes	2,741.90
Interest, insurance and bonds	278.77
Contingent	54.88
Town Hall	73.37
	————— \$28,735.76

LIST OF NAMES IN THE JURY BOX

Albert E. Delisle, Jr.	Sydney M. Cole
Maurice Scott	John C. Hathaway
J. C. Williams	John Ledoux

JURYMEN WHO SERVED IN 1941

Henry J. Payson	Grand Jury
George H. Burt	Traverse Jury

WILLIAM M. FISKE,
FRANK W. BLAKESLEY,
CHARLES R. BURT,
Selectmen.

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1941.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of twenty-eight thousand seven hundred thirty-five dollars and seventy-six cents (28,735.76), for which vouchers are on file.

EDWARD A. MONTAGUE,
Auditor.

BUDGET RECOMMENDED FOR 1942.

Schools	\$12,370.00
Highways, Chapter 81	7,590.00
Chapter 90, maintenance	2,400.00
Bridges and railings	1,200.00
Town Officers	1,100.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, insurance and bonds	600.00
Town Hall	125.00
Gypsy moth	200.00
Printing and supplies	175.00
Library, dog fund and	100.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Contingent fund	100.00
Reserve fund	600.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	1,200.00
Soldiers' Relief	200.00
Rabies vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Work relief	750.00
Civilian defense	200.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Fire patrol	100.00
Fire equipment	100.00

REPORT OF THE
Board of Assessors

APPROPRIATIONS AT TOWN MEETING IN 1941

	Raise and appropriate
Schools	\$ 7,600.00
Highways, chap. 81	1,150.00
Highways, chap. 90	1,000.00
Highways, chap. 90, maintenance	800.00
Bridges and railings	2,800.00
Town Officers	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, pre-school clinic	60.00
Interest, insurance and bonds	600.00
Town Hall	150.00
Gypsy moth	200.00
Printing and supplies	175.00
Library, dog fund and	75.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Contingent	100.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	1,000.00
Soldiers' relief	200.00
Diphtheria clinic	50.00
Fire fighting equipment	75.00
Movie projector	300.00
Public welfare	500.00

	From balance in the treasury
Schools	5,000.00
Reserve fund	600.00
Snow removal, sanding and road work	200.00
Rabies vaccine	50.00
Work relief	500.00
Public welfare	300.00

Road machinery account	966.13
State tax	1,565.13
County tax	1,520.84
Overlay	367.41
	————— \$31,184.51
Estimated receipts and available funds	21,262.99
Net amount raised on polls and property	9,921.52
	————— \$31,184.51
Personal valuation	116,180.00
Real estate valuation	305,270.00
	————— \$421,450.00
Tax on personal property	2,672.27
Tax on real estate	7,021.14
Tax on polls	228.00
Gain on account of fractions	.11
	————— \$ 9,921.52
Tax rate	\$ 23.00
Motor vehicle excise tax	\$ 773.51
Abatement on real estate tax	3.45
Abatement on poll tax	8.00
Abatement on excise tax	2.00
Exemptions on real estate tax	148.35
Exemptions on poll tax	24.00

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

	Neat							Horses
	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Cattle	Swine	Fowl		
1939	55	312	19	199	24	3,513		159
1940	60	286	25	188	22	5,894		162
1941	55	279	19	181	13	4,859		167

RICHARD H. TRACY,
CHARLES R. BURT,
JOHN C. HATHAWAY,
Assessors.

REPORT OF THE
Memorial Library

INCOME

Balance forward	\$ 91.87
Savings Bank Interest	107.91
Town Appropriation	75.00
Dog Fund	89.83
Insurance reserve	87.20
Dues	3.91
Overdrew the dog fund	2.02
	———— \$ 457.74

EXPENDITURES

Reserve for painting	\$ 20.00
Reserve for insurance	20.00
Wood	16.25
Electricity	9.00
Insurance	87.20
Leon Fleury, carpentry	14.95
Landscaping	2.00
H. R. Huntting Co., books	79.95
E. H. Montague, janitor	25.00
G. H. Knight, care of the lawn	5.00
Irene Stickney, cleaning	6.00
Edith Grant, magazines	28.75
Supplies	1.32
Book	1.00
Marion Mascho, librarian	100.00
	————
	416.42
Balance carried forward	41.32
	———— \$ 457.74

CIRCULATION FOR 1941

Adult fiction	1,136
Non-fiction	284
Juvenile	788
Magazines	686

Glass doors have been put on the shelves by the stairway. This provides a place for valuable books and papers.

One hundred twenty-two books have been purchased and twenty-three books have been received as gifts. Grateful acknowledgment is made to the following donors: Frankling G. Neal, Miss Vera Smith, Mrs. William B. Miller and Edwin Bridgman.

The bookmobile visits the library and school each month and the following books have been circulated.

Adult fiction	70
Adult non-fiction	67
Juvenile fiction	120
Juvenile non-fiction	80

MARION M. MASCHO, librarian
REV. WHITEMORE E. BEARDSLEY,
EDWARD H. MONTAGUE,
LENA B. RICHARD,
JULIA E. MONTAGUE,
ELIZABETH G. PERKINS,
GERTRUDE E. FLINT,
HERBERT F. MASCHO,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE
School Committee

Appropriated at town meeting	\$12,600.00
Expended	12,106.82
Unexpended	\$ 493.18

EXPENSES

Teachers:

Miss Constance McKowen	\$ 578.50
Miss Elizabeth Hayden	853.00
Miss Rachel Bridgman	855.00
Mrs. Marion Mascho	50.00
Mrs. Gertrude Flint	4.00
Mr. James Miller	456.00
Mr. Everett Sittard, music	100.00
	————— \$ 2,896.50

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund:

Miss McKowen	\$ 31.50
Miss Hayden	45.00
Miss Bridgman	45.00
Mr. Miller	24.00
	————— \$ 145.50

Administration:

Mr. Charles Mitchell	\$ 262.98	\$ 262.98
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Local Transportation:

Charles Blakesley	\$ 1,113.00
Walter Witherell	831.25
	————— \$ 1,944.25

Books	\$ 126.89
Supplies	229.72
Janitors	50.60
Fuel	312.55
Electricity	47.91

Miscellaneous	98.54
Repairs: roof painting etc.	397.56
Health	207.72
Equipment	100.79
New grounds	55.35
	—————
Total cost of elementary schools	\$ 1,627.63
	\$ 6,876.86

High School pupils, tuition

Russell Bass	\$ 98.00
Alice Blakesley	98.00
Doris Blakesley	98.00
Kenneth Blakesley	98.00
Francis Bridgman	98.00
Grant Bridgman	98.00
Elizabeth Fiske	98.00
Frieda Foucha	20.00
Christine Gagnon	98.00
Eunice Hathaway	98.00
Susan Lavalle	92.97
Marilyn Mascho	98.00
Edward Montague	98.00
Philip Norris	98.00
Mary Parsons	98.00
Thelma Scott	98.00
Myrtle Snow	98.00
Mary Stickney	98.00
	—————
	\$ 1,680.97

Smith School pupils, tuition

Leroy Bass	\$ 131.40
Everett Blakesley	54.72
Murray Clapp	32.52
Howard Clapp	54.72
Lewis Dodge	130.00
Thomas Kelly	54.72
Frank Montague	130.00
Jeanette Ledoux	3.34
Mahlon Parsons	130.00
Edward Sarafin	131.40

John Sarafin	130.00
Joseph Sarafin	6.67
Theodore Sarafin	54.72
Walter Witherell, Jr.	54.72
	————— \$ 1,109.19
Chesterfield,	
Mary Dodge	\$ 45.00 \$ 45.00
High School and Smith School	
transportation	\$ 2,220.00
State ward to special class	70.00
Transportation of Lewis Dodge	104.80
	————— \$ 5,229.96
Total cost of schools	\$12,106.82

REIMBURSEMENTS

Mass. School Fund, Part I	\$ 510.00
Mass. School Fund, Part II	2,228.90
Vocational Education	1,036.97
Superintendent in small towns	120.52
Northampton, transportation and	
tuition	426.30
State ward	165.40
High school tuition	1,680.87
High school transportation	1,515.91
	————— \$ 7,684.87
Total cost of Westhampton	\$ 4,421.95

JOHN HATHAWAY,
EVELYN TRACY,
LOUISE PARSONS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

FINANCES

We spent \$12,106.82 during the past financial year to continue the education of 97 pupils including those at Smith School. The town has received reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and from Northampton amounting to \$7,684.87, which leaves a net cost to our taxpayers of \$4,421.95. We continue to pay less from local taxation for the education of each boy and girl than most towns in the state. Yet with the aid of the additional money from the state we have to spend more per pupil for education than the average town since we have a high cost per pupil for transportation. This seems unavoidable for geographical reasons. Our cost for education outside of transportation continues to be lower in Westhampton than in the average town in the Commonwealth. I have listed below in Column I our average expenditures for the ten-year period 1929-1939, with our expenses for 1940 summarized in Column II according to the bookkeeping system approved by the State Department of Education, and our expenses for 1941 in Column III classified in the same manner. Our budget for the coming year appears in column IV. You will observe that we are asking for \$12,370 for the support of schools for the coming year in place of \$12,600 which we asked for a year ago. Of course, if this is voted at town meeting, reimbursements from the state will reduce the net cost to the taxpayer by the end of the year as in 1941. It is impossible to estimate exactly the amount of money needed

for fuel since the cost per gallon may increase. Costs for tuition and transportation may be increased slightly over our estimate if additional families with school children move into the town. We will need more money for teachers' salaries in all probability. Books and supplies have increased in price from ten to fifty per cent on certain items.

	I Average Expenditures 1929-1939	II 1940 Expenditures	III 1941 Expenditures	IV 1942 Budget
Administration	272.11	284.12	273.98	305.00
Instruction				
Teachers' Salaries	2,675.36	2,900.00	3,042.00	3,220.00
Books	)	339.16	126.89	100.00
	140.82)			
Supplies	)	208.88	229.72	100.00
Maintenance				
Janitors' Salaries	)	51.60	50.60	60.00
)			
Fuel	)	432.12	312.55	400.00
	396.24)			
Operating Expenses	)	107.14	125.45	100.00
Repairs & Replace	)	1,341.75	397.56	200.00
General				
Health	172.47	206.39	207.72	210.00
Transportation				
High and Voc.	2,442.28	2,266.00	2,366.80	2,400.00
Elementary	1,905.03	2,124.770	2,002.25	2,100.00
Tuition — High	1,594.86	2,101.26	1,680.97	1,500.00
Elementary	91.03	90.00	45.00	50.00
Vocational	657.93	808.83	1,109.19	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	23.41	1000	—	25.00
Outlay				
Grounds & Buildings	34.00	53.02	65.35	50.00
Equipment	—	144.89	100.79	50.00
Totals	\$10,405.54	13,469.86	12,106.82	12,370.00

STAFF

Miss Constance McKowen resigned at the close of our school year to return to Teachers College to complete her requirements for a degree. She was replaced by Mr. James Miller, a graduate of Fitchburg Teachers College and a teacher of three years' experience. Miss Rachel Bridgman attended summer school at Columbia University. We now have an excellent staff of teachers, but, if we plan to keep them, we must consider these facts. The salaries of teachers have been increased from ten to twenty-five percent in some places, with an average county-wide increase of fifteen per cent, in order to retain teachers so that they would not accept work in defense plants or move to better paid positions. The National Commission for the Defense of Democracy Through Education finds that the United States faces a serious shortage of qualified teachers which threatens to undermine the standards of the nation. Between 40,000 and 50,000 qualified teachers will be needed to replace those who have left the teaching profession. They insist that enough vacancies will result in the next year to absorb every qualified teacher in the country; adding that this is the biggest teaching boom since the first World War. With the governor of our state asking for an increase for state and county employees of 10%, with the cost of living increasing more than 10%, and with increasing taxes for the support of the war, the salaries of our staff members should be increased not later than September.

REPAIRS

Our schoolhouse and playground are in better condition than they were a year ago since the exterior of the school has been painted, the first part of the roof reshingled, and additional work done on the playground.

The state building inspector informed us last year that we should provide a supply of fresh air to each classroom equal to thirty cubic feet of air per minute per

pupil and the removal of a similar amount through the foul air ducts. He also recommended that the recirculating opening, located in the corridor adjacent to the boys' toilet, be hanged to another location to insure an uncontaminated supply of fresh air.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance figures for the school year ending in June, 1941, are as follows:

	Whole No. Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
Center School			
Constance McKown 6, 7, 8	26	24.58	22.64
Elizabeth Hayden 3, 4, 5	25	23.35	21.93
Rachel Bridgman 1, 2	15	14.03	12.74
Totals	66	61.96	57.31

Individual Differences and Tests

We have emphasized again this year the teaching of the whole child, providing insofar as circumstances permit material for growth depending upon the differences of our pupils. To assist us in this program each child has had three additional standardized measurements of ability and achievement since my last report. We, therefore, have more objective and reliable measures of individual differences and accomplishment than a year ago.

That students do differ in ability and achievement is not to be questioned. It is well known that students in the same grade in the same school vary greatly in any of the abilities measured by school tests. Nor is there any question that these individual differences are important in dealing with growing boys and girls. For example, if Student X while in the seventh grade is able to write

more correctly than the average senior in high school, that fact should be known and considered by his teacher of English in adapting his instruction to his ability and needs. If Student Y has developed a high degree of interest and unusual ability in the field of mathematics but does not show any aptitude for English or other languages, that fact should be known and carefully considered in helping him select his future course in high school and in planning his entire life. Educational guidance either in the sense of long term planning or of immediate adaptation of instructive material cannot possibly be effected unless such individual differences can be identified and their relation established. Parents are cordially invited to visit the classroom or teachers at any time to see the results of these objective measures of accomplishment of their boys and girls, and to plan with the teachers for the necessary educational and vocational guidance.

New report cards, similar to those used in our training schools at our state teachers college, were introduced this year. They emphasize growth of pupils in citizenship as well as Academic learning. They provide space for teachers to write in more detail any kind of need or accomplishment of the individual child. These will not be used more than one year if the majority of the parents prefer to have us use the older type of report card. Parents will be given an opportunity to vote on this matter late in the spring.

SUPERVISION

Supervision today means "the improvement of instruction." Frequent staff meetings, an adequate supply of modern textbooks, better schoolrooms with better equipment, teacher plan books, stimulation for professional growth, a supply of professional literature and greater teacher participation in the organization of the school and the curriculum—these do improve instruction and are more important than classroom visitation alone. Our present program combines them all—and our success or failure should be measured by the school we keep.

EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY.

Never before have schools faced a greater problem in education than we do this year. While all of us make sacrifices for the National Defense, we must not forget our boys and girls.

Calvin Coolidge said in 1920, "The chief defenses of democracy are not material; they are mental and spiritual. At the very foundation of the structure our democracy must be a sound system of public education."

The Educational Policies Commission reports: "In the schools as elsewhere, democracy is no easy path. It is a hard road and one which some members of the group may wish to reject in favor of the smooth, straight tunnel of autocracy where no man has worth in himself, where education is a process of learning to obey orders automatically, and where motivation is a simple matter of dodging a club and moving in the direction indicated by a whip-lash. The man who scorns to enter that tunnel, the man who is not easily frightened by difficult and dangerous jobs, has his way clear before him. He must feel with and for all his fellows, try to understand them, work to inform and inspire them, and seek to be informed and inspired by them.

"The problem of making the democratic spirit prevail in these dark days of hostility and uncertainty falls chiefly to education. The reformer may cry that it is a social problem, the financier may hold that it is an economic problem, the politician may claim that it is a problem of statecraft, and the escapist may fold his hands and murmur resignedly that it is a problem which can be solved only by the inexorable march of destiny. But the basic problem, underneath its social, economic, political masks is forever and always, simply and completely, the problem of modifying human behavior by the method of education. A would-be democracy which fails in time to grasp this principle and to act upon it intelligently and decisively is doomed. Its back is against the wall, the

bandage of self-imposed ignorance is over its eyes, and the fingers of invited autocracy are tightened on the fingers of the firing squad."

CONCLUSION

In closing, I assure the committee that our teachers are doing excellent work, and that our schools are maintaining satisfactory standards of work.

I want to thank the members of the committee, the teachers, parents, and pupils for their cooperation in our common task. By working together we have made some improvements in our educational offering. If we cooperate with the same spirit, our boys and girls will have a still better education next year.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES A. MITCHELL
Superintendent of Schools

December 31, 1941

REPORT OF THE School Nurse

Mr. Charles A. Mitchell

Superintendent of Schools

Easthampton, Massachusetts,

For the School of Westhampton, Massachusetts, I present the following report for 1941:

The Winter and Spring terms were uneventful with very few cases of illness and those only minor.

In January Dr. Manwell gave the T. B. Test to 12 pupils and three teachers. All were negative.

Four nutrition classes completed the course begun in the fall.

Routine weighing and measuring were done in February and June.

The audiometer test was given in April to 61 pupils. No case of defective hearing were found.

The Dental Clinic was held in May. The report follows:

Children treated at the clinic	25
Total operations	118
Permanent fillings	66
Permanent extractions	1
Cleaning	24
Temporary fillings	22
Temporary extractions	5
Amount collected from pupils	\$48.50
Amount contributed by Hobby Club	22.00
Children receiving certificates	22
Children treated by family dentist	12

As is her custom, Dr. Manwell did the spring check-up, including children entering school since the fall Physical Examinations. 14 children were examined then.

September 3 and 5, 1940. Annual Physical Examination.

Children examined	55
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A summary of defects follows: (this does not include dental defects)

Posture defects	12
Skin	2
Eye defects corrected by glasses	2
Nose and throat	17
Slightly enlarged glands	28
Heart defects (slight)	2
Lungs	0
Speech defects	2
Nutritional defects	5

Eye examinations were conducted in September and October.

In November Dr. Manwell examined 12 children not present in September. This month also marked the outbreak of chicken-pox and whooping cough appeared in the early part of December.

During the year 25 home visits were made.

This coming September will complete my eighth year as School Nurse. Looking over those years I can see many causes for encouragement. The co-operation and interest in the health of the Pre-School and School Child has increased to a very remarkable degree. The interest and co-operation of the parents in the Diphtheria and vaccination Clinic is most heart-warming. In the school at the present time there are only 4 children who have not been immunized against diphtheria, representing only two families. In the report of the South Connecticut Valley District, Westhampton stands highest in the percentage of immunized children. Its total percentage is 49 per cent of the total population.

In war time epidemics are always imminent. Diphtheria is one disease no child needs to have. Failure to protect our children from this disease is something we may regret. If your child has not been immunized do

take advantage of this public service, provided by the Board of Health.

I am truly gratified for the co-operation of the School Board, the Board of Health, the teachers, the parents, and the Superintendent of School.

MABEL C. BRIDGMAN, School Nurse.

WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

The Well Child Conference was held in the Church Parlors June 23 and 24, 1941. The Staff consisted of the following:

Dr. Claire Manwell, Medical and Dental Examiner.

Miss Margarette Pettee, Consultant in Nutrition

Miss Mary Lewis, Registrar

Local committee:

Mrs. Mabel C. Bridgman Mrs. Marion Hathaway

Miss Rachel Bridgman

Thirty-six children and their parents attended the conference, classified as follows:

Old cases (Attending conference previous years) 21

New cases 15

of these cases 4 were infants

28 pre-school

4 entering school

6 needed medical care

17 needed dental care

18 needed Toxoids of Diphteria Immunization

18 needed vaccination

At the clinic for vaccination and immunization held
June 27, July 25

15 children received toxoids

16 children received vaccination

4 children who did not receive toxoids at clinic are receiving them

We commend to the Mother's Club again the Well Child Conference. Health is so important and especially in war time. Prevention of disease is more important now than ever. Let us set ourselves a goal for 1942.

1. Good Nutrition: For every child in Westhampton. This includes liberal use of the basic foods, such as: eggs, at least four a week
milk, 1 quart daily for children
vegetables daily, raw whenever possible
fresh fruit daily
whole grain cereals and dark bread daily
meat four times a week
fish one a week
2. Dental care for every child in Westhampton. Take your child to a dentist when he has 20 teeth. He will get acquainted with the dentist and probably the dentist will need to do very little the first visit. This will help the child to lose all fear of the dentist, and look upon him as a friend. Regular dental care is not expensive. The dental clinic is ready to help all mothers who need it.
3. Annual Medical Examination for every child in Westhampton. This can be done with no expenditure of money, first in the Well Child Conference and later in the School.
4. Vaccination against Small Pox and immunization against Diphtheria for all children as soon as possible after 6 months. This also is a free service provided by the taxpayers through the Board of Health.

I am greatly indebted to the local committee for their help and support. I know that two days given from a busy week mean a great deal. We are all indebted to our professional staff, Dr. Manwell, Miss Lewis, and to the Extension Service for loaning Miss Pettee to us.

MABEL CRAIG BRIDGMAN, R. N.

Articles of the Town Warrant

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1942

Ten A. M.—Prompt

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to act as Superintendent of Streets, and fix the salary to comply with Section 4A Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 7. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 10. To take action in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen,

to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Work Relief.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a truck.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of fire equipment.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for use by the assessors in fixing the tax rate of the current year or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civilian Defense.

(Other articles may appear in the posted warrant.)

